Graduate position at UC Merced in Insect-Microbe Symbioses and Evolution

Insect-Microbe Symbioses and Evolution
Graduate Student Opportunity at University of California at Merced

The Bennett Laboratory in the Life and Environmental Sciences Unit at the University of California, Merced is seeking an exceptional Ph.D. student. The student will participate in on-going and emerging areas of research related to insect-microbial symbioses and evolution. The student can develop an original research project or push forward projects that are already established in the group. Preference will be given to an applicant with B.Sc. or M.Sc. in microbiology, entomology, evolution, or genetics.

Areas of active research in the Bennett lab include, but are not limited to:
1) Comparative genomics and molecular evolution of bacterial symbioses in sap-feeding insects.
2) Insect-microbe cellular and metabolic maintenance and integration.
3) The role of insect microbiomes in shaping endemic Hawaiian insect evolution.

Student support will include full tuition waiver, stipend, and Teaching Assistantship. To indicate your interest, please send 1) a cover letter with a brief description of past experience and reasons for interest in the position, 2) a curriculum vitae, and 3) contact information of three references to Gordon Bennett at gbennett2@ucm.edu. More information about this position and research in the Bennett lab is currently available at Bennett Lab Website (https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/BennettG/)

Official applications (http://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/prospective-students/how-apply) for graduate education in the Quantitative and Environmental Systems Groups at UC Merced (http://les.ucmerced.edu/) should be submitted to the Graduate Division before the deadline of January 15, 2018. Applicants are also encouraged to apply for university-wide fellowship programs (http://graduatedivision.ucmerced.edu/financial-support) for which they are eligible, most of which are due on or before January 15, 2018.

The University of California, Merced is centrally located with easy access to the Sierra Nevada Mountains, Yosemite National Park, the San Francisco Bay Area, and the California coastline. The Bennett lab also maintains active research projects in the Hawaiian Archipelago, offering exceptional opportunities for natural ecosystems.

U.C. Merced is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer with a strong institutional commitment to the achievement of diversity among its faculty, staff and students.

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4. Current Bennett Lab Website = [https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/BennettG/](https://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/BennettG/)